

Operating head for automatic machine tools of the type comprising a structure (2) which moves along a set of three Cartesian axes, a first support (3), fitted to the said structure in such a way that it can rotate around a first axis (C), and a chuck unit (5) fitted to the said support, wherein the said chuck unit (5) is interchangeable and projects from the said first support (3), and is designed to allow angular positioning around a second axis (A) orthogonal to the said first axis (C). Said first support (3) incorporates a power transmission system and means designed to connect the said power transmission system to the said chuck unit (5). This feature allows to change over from roughing to finishing tasks without replacing the entire head, as is necessary with known equipment in which the chuck assembly is mounted on a fork support, merely by replacing the chuck unit, a much quicker and cheaper operation.

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